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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 216

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Crisis Intervention Training.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a forensic diversion plan advisory board to include crisis intervention training (CIT) for all employees and volunteers working with the forensic diversion plan. The bill defines "crisis intervention training".

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Crisis intervention training is generally geared toward law enforcement officers and other first responders who have to deal with persons with mental illnesses in crisis situations. These first responders generally receive 40 hours of specialized training from mental health providers, family advocates, and mental health consumer groups. They are taught about severe mental illnesses and how to respond to people experiencing psychiatric crises in ways that defuse rather than escalate these crises.

Any added costs to local governments will depend on the arrangements made by the police officers and supervising staff. In some municipalities, police officers are permitted to earn compensatory time, so costs could be minimal. In other counties officers may be paid overtime. Typically, about 20% of a police force under the Memphis model (see below) will receive the 40-hour crisis intervention training.

The cost of providing this training will generally be minimal because the mental health professionals who provide the training will volunteer their time.

In Indiana, several municipalities currently provide crisis intervention training for their officers including, but not limited to, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Gary, and Richmond. LSA contacted training officers in the Indianapolis Marion County Police Department, the Fort Wayne Police Department, and the local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for more background. The city of Fort Wayne, which bases its program on the model developed by the city of Memphis, TN, police department, provides a 40-hour training session once each year in February. Depending on capacity, they permit police officers from other local law enforcement agencies to attend and allow dispatchers, jail confinement officers, mental health professionals, and social workers to sit in on the course of instruction. Fort Wayne has also trained officers in Gary, East Chicago, Richmond, West Lafayette, and Bloomington.

Forensic diversion boards include:

1. A judge exercising criminal jurisdiction in the county.
2. The head of the county public defender office, if there is one in the county, or a criminal defense attorney who practices in the county if there is not a county public defender office in the county.
3. The chief probation officer.
4. The prosecuting attorney.
5. The drug court judge or the designee of the drug court judge if there is a certified drug court in the county.
6. The supervising judge of the court alcohol and drug services program or the designee of the supervising judge, if there is a certified court alcohol and drug services program in the county.
7. An individual who is certified or licensed as a substance abuse professional.
8. An individual who is certified or licensed as a mental health professional.
9. An individual with expertise in substance abuse or mental health treatment.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies, courts, and prosecuting attorneys.

Information Sources: [The Memphis Police Crisis Intervention Team \(CIT\) Program](#) NAMI Fact Sheet.

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